

## NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

Many Interesting Items Gathered By The Sentinel's Wide-a-Wake Correspondents from Various Sections of the County.

### NEWS FROM CRAIG.

**Death by the Explosion of Acetylene.**

Our town and community was shocked Friday evening by the appalling news that Chas. Metz had met his death by the explosion of an acetylene gas plant at his home on the Lawrence Campbell farm, one and three-quarters miles north of Nishnabotna station. It is hard to ascertain the particulars, but as near as we can gather them, Mr. and Mrs. Metz were spending the greater part of the day at the home of one of the neighbors, a half mile from the Metz home—the two daughters were in school. Some time, about 3 o'clock, Mr. Metz went home to do his chores, and when his family arrived, about 6 o'clock, his charred and blackened form was found near the acetylene gas plant. Mr. Metz was alone, and it is thought by some that, as he was an inveterate smoker, he had unconsciously struck a match while filling the tank. The heat was so intense that the heavy iron tank was melted, and the crystal of the watch carried by Mr. Metz was melted to the face. The hands had stopped at 4:15, and it is thought that the accident happened at that hour. Men working in the neighborhood of the Metz home heard the explosion and the section men on the railroad noticed a heavy black column of smoke, but as considerable dynamite had been used in the community the paid track or two, no significance was attached to the sound of the explosion or sight of the smoke. Mr. and Mrs. Metz for many years were considerate among the best people of Craig, and a number of their friends here only by the publication of the obituaries. Mr. Malcomson came from Falls City, Nebraska, and engaged in the lumber business, later he entered the employ of W. S. Thompson, and was in charge of the lumber and saddle department of that concern. Mr. Metz served one term as mayor of the city. He was one of those big hearted woodsmen who put their life into whatever they have to do. He gave of his time, talent and money to aid Craig and vicinity to grander and better days. He was a member of the Craig Cornet Band, and boasted on all occasions. About ten years ago he moved to Atchison county, near where he died. For a short time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Nishnabotna, but for the past five or six years has been farming the land on which he resided. His wife was Miss Fanny Poage, who was born near Craig. They have two little girls, aged about 13 years and 10 years. Mr. Metz was some few months past 48 years of age. His funeral was preached at the family home, Sunday at 10 o'clock. The remains were taken by express to Falls City, Nebraska, for interment. The entire community sympathized with Mrs. Metz and her daughters in their hour of affliction.

—Attorneys E. J. Kellogg had business in Oregon Monday.

Mrs. M. A. Davis is very sick with la grippe this week.

A large delegation of Democrats attended the eastern delegate convention at Indianapolis Tuesday.

Judge Weston, of St. Joseph, was in Craig Thursday looking after his farming interests near town.

James Quirk of Salina, Nebraska, attended the funeral of his relative, Alex Cunningham, Tuesday.

Coleman David, who is attending a school for embalmers at Kansas City, spent Sunday with his wife and baby.

Miss Alma Weltman came home Monday from Beatrice, Nebraska, where she has been visiting for the past three or four weeks.

Judge William H. Allen, of St. Joseph, was in Craig Friday and Saturday, looking after business, and incidentally greeting his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Cook went to St. Joseph Monday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hathorn. They went to consult a surgeon concerning the health of Mrs. Hathorn.

Everett Young was taken to the hospital at St. Joseph Monday evening on the deer, suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. Everett was sick with this trouble while a witness in Oregon last week.

Mrs. J. C. Ottman returned home Friday evening from the hospital in St. Joseph, where she has been for the past ten days in the care of the surgeons. She is nicely recovering, much to the delight of her friends in Craig.

Sale bills are out announcing the sale of stock and farm implements of Harry L. Haigler, 2 miles west of Bigelow, Wednesday, March 22. This will be a big sale and will draw a big crowd. Colonel P. M. Babb will cry the sale.

Mrs. Frank Hathorn was operated on at the Englewood hospital Monday, a large growth was removed from the right side, and the place closed up. The lady exhibited her gift by returning home the same evening.

W. Y. Martin, our "Coal Oil Johnny," was in Mount City Tuesday attending a meeting of all the "Johnnies" in northwest Missouri, where plans and business was given a thorough discussion by the manager, W. J. Powers, of St. Joseph.

The ladies of "The Kensington," a social organization of the Christian church, held a chicken noodle supper in the old brick hotel Saturday evening, and by so doing added to the coffers of the church treasury a neat sum, which will be useful to the future welfare of the church.

Mrs. E. F. Gooley, wife of the Methodist minister, has been very sick the past week, and at the present

time is showing no improvement. It is feared that nothing short of a surgical operation will relieve the difficulty. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cox are anxious for them and hope for better emulsions and a speedy recovery.

Miss Pauline Jones, who is stenographer to E. G. Cox, secretary of the Missouri State Board of Pharmacy, has rented the residence vacated by T. J. Nauman, and with her sister and mother, Mrs. Whit Maupin, will occupy it this spring and summer.

On Friday evening of next week, a debate will be held in the opera house. Question: "Resolved, that a Reunion is Better for Craig than a Chautauqua." The debaters are selected from the best talent in the town and community. The Woodmen Cornet Band will make their first appearance at that time. The proceeds are for the good of the band. It will probably be decided that Craig will hold both a reunion and a Chautauqua this year.

Elmer Rundell arrived Saturday morning from Tampa, Florida, after spending five months in that Southern state. Elmer has been engaged in the commission business there, selling number of cars of Missouri apples, and buying and selling several cars of bananas and coconuts. His friends and relatives here had learned that he had contracted a malignant lung, and were greatly concerned about his health, but he showed up as robust, strong and healthy, due to the goodness of the southern climate.

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—Mrs. Homer Edwards and son, Don, have been very sick with a grippe and its attendant, ear trouble.

Mrs. Ida Acton went to St. Joseph Tuesday to see her sister, Mrs. Ora Adams, who is to be operated on.

Mrs. Chas. Brooks and daughter, Majorie, are quite sick—Mrs. Brooks with a grippe and Majorie with pneumonia.

J. C. Morris and family and Miss Mattie Morris went to Skidmore Saturday, to visit Mrs. Oran and celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Geo. Bentz and children, Mrs. Eliza Fields and son, Forrest, and Mrs. Wm. Blakely, spent Saturday and Sunday at Harvey Chambers' home.

Frances Moore has had a cold for over a week, but is better now.

—Mrs. Marion Chapman, who has had this prevailing ear trouble for much longer.

Rev. E. D. Roberts and wife, Mrs. M. H. H. A. H. and Dr. W. V. Barker and family, Dick, M. Peacock and wife, and Harry Pollock and wife, spent Saturday at Skidmore to celebrate the birthday of Miss Mattie Whitaker and Mrs. Oran, and the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks.

The 15th birthday, Katie Kramer's birthday, Mrs. Geo. W. Lenz invited a few friends in to spend the evening. The surprise was complete. After a pleasant evening spent with music and games, cake and ice cream was served. At a late hour the friends left wishing Katie many happy returns of the day.

—Misses Ina Botkin and Frances Terry were Oregon visitors, Tuesday. Miss Ina will train the senior class of the Oregon High School for their annual class play, to be given during commencement week.

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### FORBES ITEMS.

—Miss Nellie Milne is home from school with the mumps.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rankin spent Thursday in Oregon.

The Baker school taught by Miss Mary Womack, closed Friday.

John Milne and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Locks.

Mrs. Edna Williams, of Forest City, visited with Miss Ada Stanton.

Mrs. Peter Hansen and Mrs. U. Banks were shopping in St. Joseph Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Taylor and Mrs. Edna Jones and son, Lester, were in St. Joseph Saturday.

Mrs. Ziba Baker and daughter, Helen, spent the weekend with relatives in Forest City.

John Baker and family, moved here from Forest City last Thursday. They are living in Mr. Gossert's premises.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Stevens, son, Ray and Mrs. Mosler, spent Sunday at the home of Will Worley and wife.

Mike Prusman, wife and son, Will, drove to Maryville, Sunday, for a visit with their daughters, Nellie and May, who are attending school there.

James Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huffman, died Sunday, March 12, from whooping cough and pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 1 o'clock, by Rev. A. Hutton.

### BURR OAK.

—Miss Fern Bowles entertained the L. W. U. H. at her home last Wednesday.

—George Lease and family visited Grandpa Lease, of Forest City, last Sunday.

—Sof Eads and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hopper and family.

—Wm. Stone is preparing to sow seeds this week, if weather conditions are favorable.

—Health is fairly good, except W. R. Hopper, who has been quite poor for some time.

—The old Missouri river has been on the war path for a few days, but is falling some at this date.

—Miss Williams and pupils are preparing an entertainment for the last day of school, which will be March 21.

—Mrs. E. O. Hopper and children last week for an extended visit with Mrs. H. H. parents in Scotland County, Missouri.

—The past few warm days have caused several of the farmers to bring their stalk cutters out of their sheds and begin farming.

—Mrs. Anna Penny, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Bowles, has returned to Fall City, Neb., to stay with her mother, Mrs. Cox.

—Mrs. Rod Watts and daughter, of South Missouri, have been visiting for the past week with R. Lippold and family, and her brother, George Martin.

—Dr. J. F. Chandler, Oregon—Both phones.

# PUBLIC SALE!

I will sell at public auction, at the Russell farm, three blocks south of the Court House, in Oregon, on

**Saturday, March 25th**  
beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., prompt, the following property to-wit:

## 17 Head of Cows and Heifers



The majority of these are High Grade Jersey and Red Polled Stock. First-class milch cows and they have been well cared for.

**TERMS:—A credit of eight months will be given on bankable note, bearing 8 per cent.**

**A. W. Seeman**

**Col. P. M. Babb, Auctioneer**

# Public Sale!

Holding sold my farm and will locate in Colorado, I will offer for sale my farm, one mile south of Oregon, on

**Thursday, Mar. 23**

The following property, to-wit:

## 38 Head of Live Stock

One good span of work horses, coming 6 years old, as good as ever seen leather; 2 good milk cows, one fresh; on Jersey calf; 14 head Red Dun Jersey brood sows, some with pigs at side; 5 head spring shoats, weighing about 170 pounds; 13 head of fall shoats, weighing about 70 pounds; 1 good male hog.

300 BUSHELS OF CORN, 60 BUSHELS OF OATS, 30 BUSHELS BEING FINE SEED OATS.

30 BALES OF CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY.

## Farming Implements, Etc.

One good McCormick hay rake, good as new; 1 Jenny-Lind cultivator; 1 Campbell drill; 1 St. Joe Lister; 1 Brush plow; 1 International oil pull engine, and wood saw on truck; 1 spring wagon; 1 low wagon with wood racks; 1 nearly new Peter Schuttler wagon; 1 new bobsled; 1 set of good heavy work harness; 1914 Model Ford Touring Car.

About 20 cords of good hard wood; 100 fence posts, mulberry and burr oak; 1 60-gallon oil tank; 1 10-barrel galvanized tank; 50 rods of American 26-inch wire fencing; 1 small feed grinder; 1 200-egg "Old Trusty" incubator; 2 barrels of vinegar; some household goods, and other articles too numerous to mention.

**TERMS:** All sums under \$10, cash; over that sum a credit of ten months, good bankable note, bearing 8 per cent interest. No property removed from ground until terms of sale are complied with.

Ladies of Oregon Christian Church Will Serve Lunch on the Grounds.

# ROY CAMPBELL

GUY L. CUMMINGS, Clerk.